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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 4 to 11 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Please amend Claims 1 to 3, and add new Claims 12 and 13, as shown below.

1. (Currently Amended) A rechargeable battery which includes a plurality of connected cells, comprising:

a first electrode ~~which extracts~~ configured to extract electric power from the battery; and

a second electrode which is different from said first electrode and is configured to charge and discharge ~~charges and discharges~~ each of said plurality of cells individually.

2. (Currently Amended) The battery according to claim 1, further comprising a switch ~~which electrically separates~~ configured to electrically separate said plurality of cells ~~forming the battery from one another~~.

3. (Currently Amended) The battery according to claim 1, further comprising a switch ~~which electrically separates~~ configured to electrically separate said plurality of cells ~~forming the battery from one other~~ when the battery is attached to a charger.

4 to 11. (Cancelled)

12. (New) The battery according to claim 1, wherein the battery is a battery pack in which said plurality of cells are assembled.

13. (New) The battery according to claim 12, further comprising a switch configured to electrically separate said plurality of cells from one another when the battery pack is attached to a charger.